

Education elected by the people, and it is their responsibility to implement 688 and give us the best education possible for the amount of money that we have. We do not need to protect taxing entities. We need to only have them, if they are providing the service, and I am convinced that the ESUs right now are providing that services, will provide those better because of the system. Now if there are any particular questions, I would attempt to answer them if you would put your light on, either Senator Withem or I, but I do not see the need at this time to bracket this motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hartnett, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I simply rise to oppose this bracketing motion. I am the guy that started this ESU controversy about a year ago by putting my little amendment that they could opt out every time, and I think a good compromise has been worked by the study committee of Senator Miller over the summertime. I am not completely satisfied, like Senator Morehead is, but I simply am going to vote for the bill because it does give the school districts a year starting with January 1, 1987, to opt out of educational service units, and there is also a provision that they can simply contract with service units, get the best price on services that they use, and I think that if educational service units provide good services, and I come from the same area, I think probably my district, and probably Senator Withem's districts, I don't know what they are going to do, but I think that if a service unit provides good service, no one, at a reasonable cost, that no one is going to opt out. I don't have the fear that Senator Morehead has raised with it. So I simply rise to oppose the bracketing motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, would you like to close on your bracketing motion?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President, members, I guess I can't believe that Senator Withem's problem with the fact that current law would allow some school districts to opt out of the service unit system is in present law is any problem because the bill allows this to happen one year after...the school districts have a year to opt out. So I can't see that we are going to run into big problems if this thing is bracketed because they will still have that same option in this interim period to opt out. Now I can't understand Senator Hartnett's support of the bill because, as you know, Bellevue has not wanted to be part of a service